

House Resolution 1999

By: Representative Day of the 163rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Patrick McGlade, an extraordinary athlete and humanitarian;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Patrick McGlade is a 21 year-old graduate from VCU with a degree in business
4 marketing and a dedicated ultra-marathon runner; and

5 WHEREAS, upon graduation, this amazing young man committed to running across the
6 United States from the Pacific to the Atlantic in order to raise money for the Arthritis
7 Foundation; and

8 WHEREAS, this incredible coast to coast run started on January 2, 2010, at Bella Terra Mall
9 in Huntington Beach, California; and

10 WHEREAS, his journey has taken approximately 4 months and has amounted to running the
11 equivalent of a marathon a day; and

12 WHEREAS, his more than 2,400 mile run will take him through eight states and over 50
13 towns and cities; and

14 WHEREAS, by accomplishing this extraordinary task, Patrick McGlade hopes to raise
15 money and awareness for juvenile arthritis; and

16 WHEREAS, arthritis is not an old person's disease but strikes the young lives of over
17 300,000 kids in America; Patrick McGlade runs for those young people who will never know
18 what running is like due to this debilitating disease; and

19 WHEREAS, the grand finale for this event will take place on April 23, 2010, on Tybrisa
20 Street on Georgia's beautiful Tybee Island, and there Patrick will be welcomed by the Tybee
21 Island community and many cheering fans and supporters; and

22 WHEREAS, this incredible runner has achieved the highest level of physical fitness and
23 endurance that any athlete could hope for, and it takes a tremendous amount of work to
24 accomplish such a lofty goal for the purpose of helping others in need; and

25 WHEREAS, Patrick McGlade is a super athlete and an American hero, and it is only fitting
26 and proper that his accomplishments and sacrifices be recognized by the citizens of the State
27 of Georgia; and

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
29 the members of this body commend Patrick McGlade for his extraordinary athletic
30 achievement and his self-sacrifice and dedication to helping children who suffer from
31 juvenile arthritis.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
33 and directed to provide an appropriate copy of this resolution to Patrick McGlade.